

## ABSTRACT

A system, method and apparatus for facilitating communication among a number of distributed clients in a distributed network is disclosed. A user, such as through a personal digital assistant device, may select one or more instant messages for transmission to one or more other users in the network. The instant messages may be sound instant message and/or text instant messages. During messaging, message status indicators provide users with the status of their respective messages. In one embodiment, the messages may be deemed to be either pending or received as distinguished by a pending status indicator and a received status indicator. Audible signatures or sound identifiers may be provided to identify users to one another over the network. The audible sound identifiers may be selected or created by users and are provided to the users in the network to identify the source of certain communications and the activity status of users in the communications network.